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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

RE:

Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Specialist Site Inspection, San Rafael Energy, Inc., Snow Mine, M/015/013, Probe Mine,

M/015/011, and Four Corners Mine Mine, M/015/010, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

July 19, 1996

Time of Inspection:

9:30am

Conditions:

Clear and warm

Participants:

Verl Shumway and Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: Evaluate reclamation activities

On May 30, 1996 I met with Verl Shumway and Neil Simmons of the BLM to discuss on site reclamation activities and what would be required by the two agencies to reclaim the three referenced mine sites.

At the Snow and Probe sites, the headframes need to be removed as well as the buildings. Mr. Shumway was given permission to use the debris to backfill the shafts to the extent possible. Cement caps were to be installed over each shaft. Permission was also granted to bury the one cement pad at the Snow site provided it was covered with a minimum of 4 feet of material. All road spurs at these two sites will need to be reclaimed by ripping and leaving in a rough condition to discourage vehicle use.

At the Four Corners site, the tunnell will need to be backfilled to the extent possible. The area will need to be regraded and debris removed. Seeding at all three sites will need to be done in late October.

On July 19, 1996, a return visit to these sites showed that structures had been removed, debris had been buried or hauled away, regrading had been completed, and roads (except the county roads) had been ripped. Work completed to date was satisfactory, and later phone contact with the BLM indicated that they were satisfied with the work as well. Mr. Shumway requested a seed mix for seeding this fall and indicated that seeding would be done by drilling. This should preclude the need to rip or disk the area before seeding to break the surface crust (it is expected that the seed drill will accomplish this task).

While at these sites, a vegetation survey was performed. At the Snow and Four Corners Mines, surrounding vegetation ground cover was determined to be 15% and at the Probe Mine, it was determined to be 12%. Vegetation was quite similar at all three sites. Dominant plant species were mat saltbush, fourwing saltbush, galleta, squirreltail, indian ricegrass, globemallow, ephedra and wild buckwheat.

CC:

Neil Simmons, BLM

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## Recommended Revegetation Species List for

## San Rafael Energy, Inc. Snow, Probe, and Four Corners Mines M/015/013, M/015/11& M/015/010

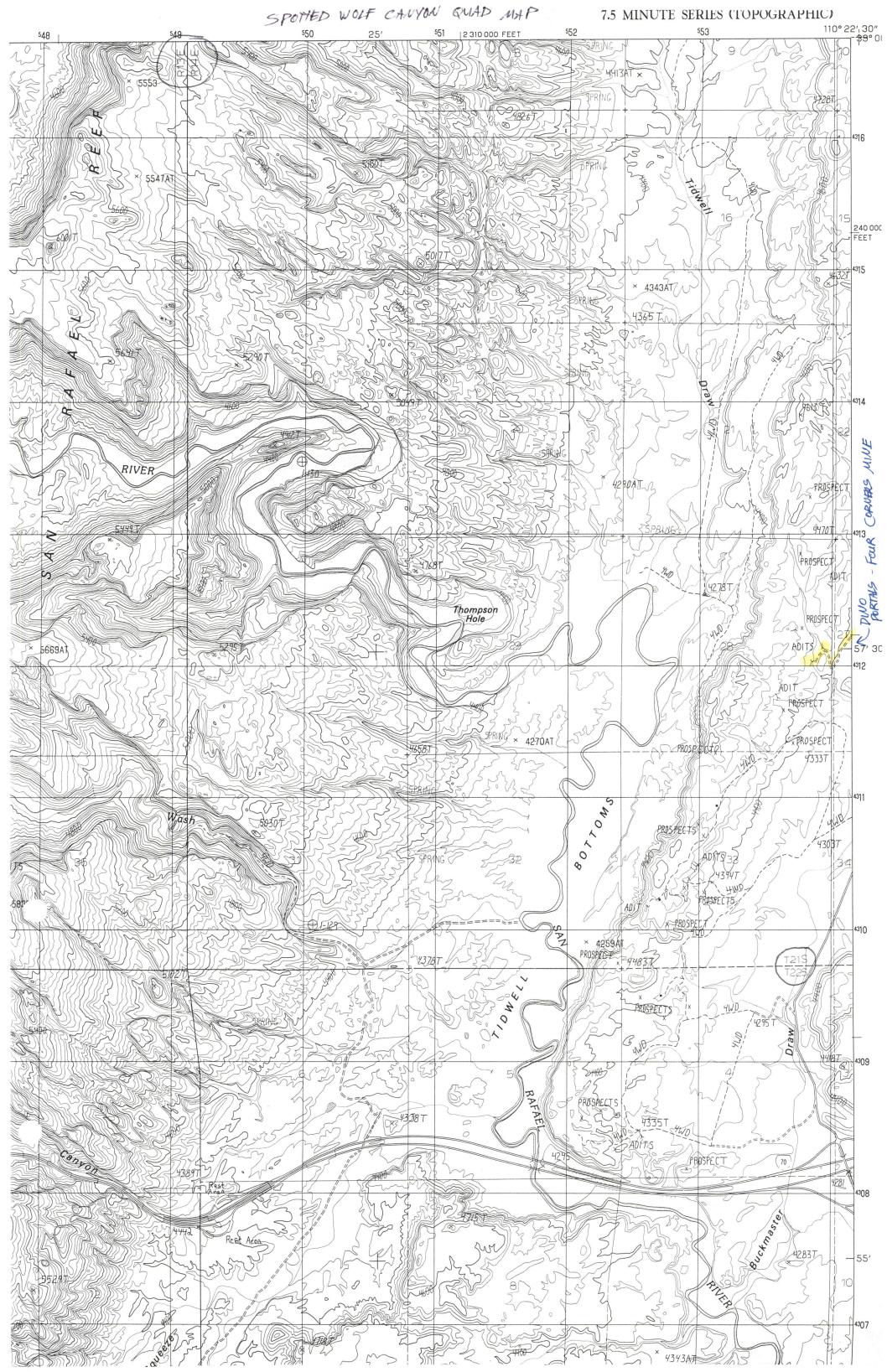
Common Name	Species Name	*Rate lbs/ac (PLS)
'Hycrest' crested wheatgrass	Agropyron cristatum 'hycrest'	1.0
Intermediate wheatgrass	Agropyron intermedium	2.0
Indian ricegrass	Oryzopsis hymenoides	2.5
Yellow sweetclover	<u>Melilotus officinalis</u>	0.5
Scarlet globemallow	<u>Sphaeralcea</u> <u>coccinea</u>	0.5
4-wing saltbush	Atriplex canescens	1.0
Shadscale	<u>Atriplex</u> <u>confertifolia</u>	1.0
Forage kochia	Kochia prostrata	0.5
	Total Seed	9.0 lbs/ac

<sup>\*</sup> This seed recommendation was discussed with Mr. Neil Simmons of the BLM. The BLM will accept these recommendations.

Prepared by DOGM August 14, 1996

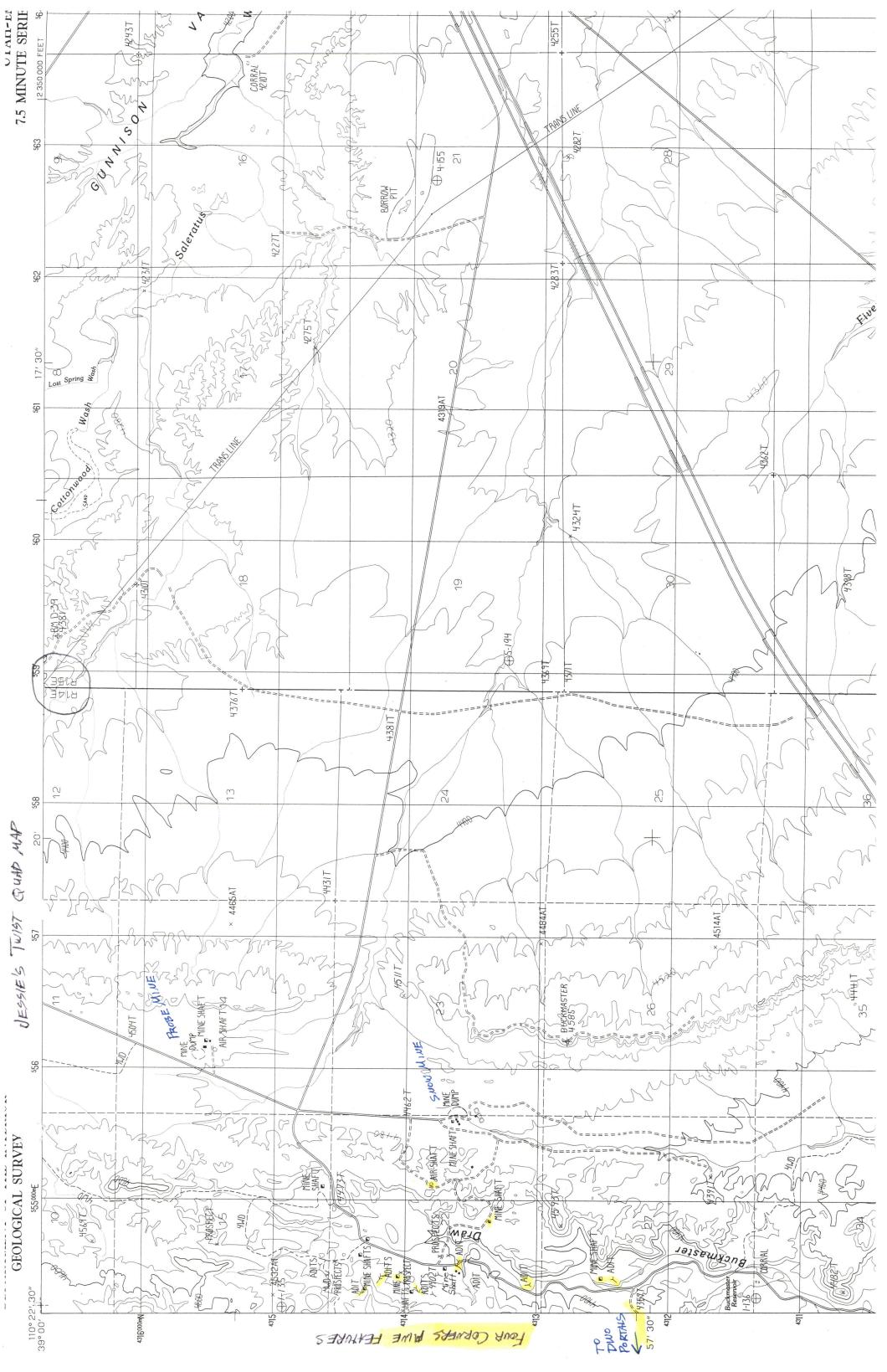
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